Mt. Ulla Township has a knight, To chase some men he claims the right; But once he met with a sad surprise, For dust and sand did fill his eyes.

And for John Gilpin took a race, But John's old mule set out fall sail And run like Molly-cotton-tail, They started in Lowrance's lane, And soon each mule was in a strain.

One eve he took a little chase,

John took his course for setting sun, Geewhilikin! how he did run. On came our knight at tortoise speed, Like in the fable tale we read; Our knight was tortoise John was hare, And with the fable will compare.

To go before a Squire's court, Alas! alas! it is no sport. Old Squire's have an ugly face, And those they judge they have to chase.

To them the law is like a net? That men will draw some fish to get; But when in Legal water deep Their lead line down they cannot keep.

The crafty fish will under go, While smaller ones will mesh it through; But some there are that you may bet You never get them in a net.

On went our John at double quick, As if pursued by a sharp stick; His old fleet mule did run for true, In vain our knight did him pursue.

Our knight got angry on the path, Stir up old male you raise my wrath; I'll put you up when I get home, There you may stay for days to come.

I know a nag of racing blood, He is not young but he is good! 21. That horse I do not intend to own, I mean that horse of Joseph Brown.

If I had rode old Mon's to-day, No man from me could get away; But now my man and track is lost, And I am minus in the cost.

Our John lay down in rabbit style, And for the tortoise waits awlille; But on the tortoise did not come, He then quits race and strikes for home.

A two horse, wagon man and colt Did join the chase when John did bolts No Chaldee King in charjot fine Could rank in show or cut a shine. A good old man was uncle Burt,

No man would chase or do him hurt; But kindly he could woo and win, And took the wild John Gilpin iu.

He took him to a magistrate, The ugliest Squire in the State; He gave our John a flag o' truce, But tied him first then let him loose.

That Hybrid Horse we call the mule No King would ride that well would rule This long eared nag in ancient days, Made prophets mad so Moses says

Then all ye knights that well would rule. Pray never ride a kicking mule, For when your man and track is lost, You'll be a Lackey in the cost.



Weeds now demand attention, says the Journal of Agriculture, and the persistence and thoroughness with which they are exterminated will materially affect both the excellence of the present crop and the case with which the future culture can be done. It is astonishing what vast quantities of weeds the farmers and gardners of this country raise year after year. It has been estimated that if all these weeds were clover or wheat instead of worthless and injurious weeds it would add to the wealth of the country not less than \$60,000,000 annually. There seems to be a very general belief that weeds cangrounds. But why not ! If one half of I knew it was all arranged, and I shan't the weeds in a particular field can be destroyed, why, by pursuing the effort the cards are out for a speedy wedding. far enough, may not the other half be destroyed also ! If the first tenth can be killed why not the last tenth ! About the only reason we ever heard given why the last as well as the first weeds may not be exterminated is "because they cant." This lack of faith in ultimate and complete success in this work is one of the greatest hindrances, to its accomplishment. A man may believe he can succeed and yet fail, but a man who does not believe success possible is not likely to put forth the effort necessary to achieve success. The great secret of success and the end at which all should aim is to prevent any weeds either in the cultivated grounds the contest in the future and if persisted in a few years will result in complete vic-

What Five Sheep Will Do.

Five sheep will enrich one acre of old, wornout mowing land in three years so too, an' dar warn't room fo' bofe of us, that it will produce one and one-half tons we got off together up here in a co'n-field of hay per year, for several years, by a for to rest. De next time I rides wid you slight sprinkle of seed each year sown in I'll freeze to de tail-gate ob de wagonearly spring. Five sheep will produce hit's safer." manure in winter to the value of \$10 by giving them suitable bedding. Five sheep

is probably that of John R Young, Jr., laborer. What more would you have? about two miles from Norfolk, V. A. It If you are for greenbacks the democratic comprises about 250 acres. The yield last party is the place for you. Don't run afrear was 2,000 quarts to the acre-

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This Lecture should be in the hands of will never know, however prosperous we may be .- Will. Star.

HE PREFERRED TO WALK.

"She's pretty hot, ain't she ?" said a backwoods passenger, addressing the engineer of the Mississippi steamer that was racing with another boat.

"So-so," responded the engineer, as he hung an additional wrench on the safetyvalve cord to stop the steam from es-

"I reckon we'll overtake that craft oon," pursued the passenger.

"That's about it," returned the engineer, giving the cords another twitch, and halloing through the trumpet to the fireman to "shove up."

"One hundred and ninety-five," hummed the passenger, looking first at the guage and then at the boilers.

"That's about where she is rusticating," put in the engineer.

Then the passenger ran his fingers through his hair nervously, and walked about the decks for a few minutes, when he came back to the engineer and observ-

"Hadu't you better leave that boat

"Can't do it. Must pass her."

"But s'posin' we should blow up ?" "Well," said the engineer, as he peeped over the guard to see how fast he was gaining, "if it's the will of Providence for this boat to blow up, we'll have to stand up." Then he hallooed to the firemen to roll up another cask of bacon, and to mix plenty of rosin with the coal, and give her a little more turpentine and oil. The next moment there was a splash

in the river; but before the yawl could be lowered, the man had succeeded in reaching the shore, and hallooed out: "Go on with the race. I guess I'll

walk."

AN UNFAILING SIGN.

"What makes you think they're engaged Mrs. Berkley?" asked the neighbor. 'Has Julia's mother ever intimated it to

"O, dear gracious, no! She never so nuch as hinted at it," replied Mrs. Berk-

"Then what makes you think it's all settled between them? It ain't over three months since he commenced waiting on

"That don't make any differencethey've known each other for two or three years. She's as likely a girl as any-not bad looking-and he's-"

"Yes-yes: all true enough. But what makes you think they're engaged? That's what puzzles me."

"Why, la, bless you, I know it as well as if I'd heard the bargain with my own

"Go on-go on." "Yes; as I was saying, last Sunday afternoon my Martha met 'em out walkin' together, and stopped to chat with 'em a minute. As soon as she got home and not be entirely extirpated from farm told me they had both been eating onions

A WAY-PASSENGER.

A sign like that never fails."

[Louisville Courier Journal.] (Louisville Courier Journal.)

He was a "cullud tramp," and approached Captain Jase Phillips as the train hauled up at Pewee. "Is you de capt'in ob de kears ?" "Yes," replied Jase. "Don't wan't fo' to hire any deck hands, duz ye ?" "Zac'ly. Mout I ride straddle of de cow- Z snatcher to de next landin'—I'm busted an' a long ways from home!" "Get on! All aboard!" and the negro straddled the "cow-snatcher." Ed Galligan pulled out Z or adjoining boarders from ripening their not gone more than half a mile before the engine collided with a cow, throwing it over the fence into a corn-field, and the negro after the cow. Next day, coming down, the negro limped up to Jase at the same depot, and said: "Boss, I didn't ride fur wid you on dat cow-snatcher, kase you see de cow wanted to ride dar,

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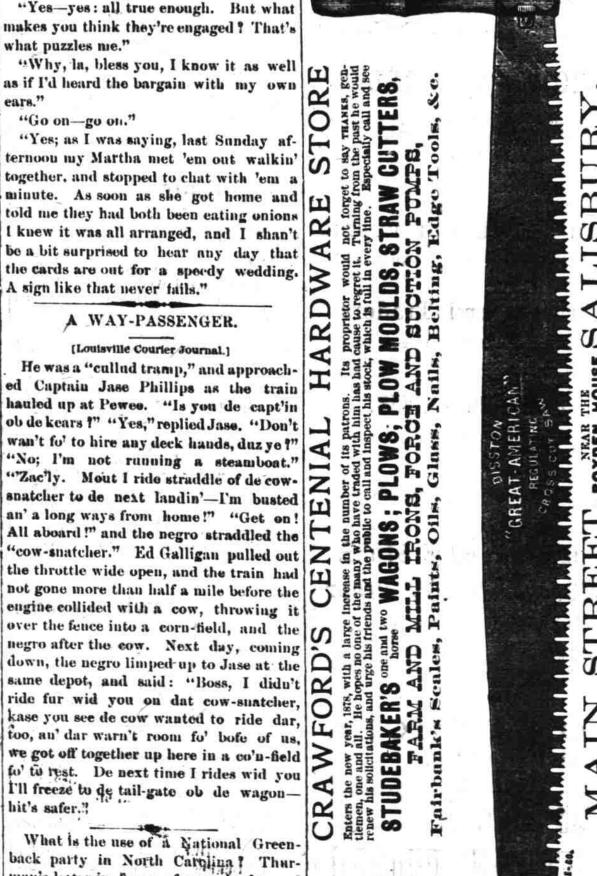
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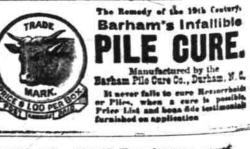
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